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SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLICATION

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FOR: BIOCHIP AND BIOCHIP KIT, AND

METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME AND METHOD OF USING

THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.